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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1895.

RUSSIA, JAPAN AND KOREA.

We ventured to suggest, when first the question of the retrocession by Japan of the Liaotung peninsula, under Russian dictation, was mooted that Japan must either refuse and fight it out there and then with Russia or surrender all hope of barring Russia's advance to the position of the first naval and military power in the Far East. We pointed out that whichever of the two Powers should then give way, that Power was probably doomed to play a secondary part in Asiatic politics for many years to come, if not for ever. We even ventured to advise the Japanese to fight it out at any cost, and stated that to give up the peninsula at Russia's dictation was to lose everything they were striving for, and that they would be in no worse position even if beaten in actual war, while the chances of the contest, if vigorously waged were, perhaps, in their favour and would only diminish in course of time.

Japan gave way to Russian menace and surrendered her conquests in Shantung. Now she is called upon to surrender her position and influence in Korea and is threatened with a Russian advance to Port Lazareff. She has established the independence of the Korea without having secured her own position as guardian and tutor, and now her protégé betrays her into the hands of her worst enemy. When will the Japanese thoroughly understand that true friendship with Russia is impossible, that Russia is her natural enemy and that both nations striving for the mastery of these eastern waters, have interests absolutely irreconcilable while the world and human nature remain as they are? We are not concerned about the millennium. It is a "tug of war" and for the present Japan is in a position to put many more men on her end of the rope than can Russia. Next year Russia may be able to show man for man, ship for ship, gun for gun, and have her reserves as accessible as are the Japanese reserves to-day. Russia without Port Lazareff may be successfully fought and conquered, or "bluffed" with Port Lazareff; Russia will be too powerful for Japan for many a long year to come.

We cannot understand English apathy at the moment. Russia is England's most dangerous opponent at all points, and her establishment in an open port on the Pacific is a standing menace to all our interests in the East. Japan and England combined can checkmate Russia, and their interest in so doing is enormous and of far greater importance than any commercial rivalries that may tend to divide them. English support would now be invaluable to the Japanese and they ought to have it given them freely and fully. Without it, they may not deem themselves sufficiently strong to resist; with it they may feel inclined to hold themselves more haughtily opposed to all Russia's interference in Korea. If, as the result of the present pourparlers, they are turned out of Korea, the gain of Formosa will be but a poor compensation for the humiliating position in which Japan will soon find herself. She will have been made a cat's paw by Russia to enable her to make a further advance to the southward where, but for Japanese ambitions, she would not have ventured for years. She will have fought and won only to see another carry off the coveted prize of the victor. She will become a laughing-stock to China and the Chinese, who will regard their own losses and sufferings as nothing if only the foe they despise is outwitted and befooled in the end. If the Japanese are wise they will make up their minds to fight Russia now for paramount influence in Korea. They will have to fight, or lie down sooner or later. A fighting attitude now; a stern determination not to yield, make manifest quietly but firmly, may yet win them the day, without plunging into a great war with the overrated and much dreaded Northern Colossus.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE INSURRECTION IN CUBA.

General Campos wires from Cuba, that several more rebel leaders are about to land on the island, and demands a reinforcement of six battalions. The Government in response to this demand are despatching ten more battalions to Cuba.

THE AMER'S SON IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The son of the Amer of Afghanistan continues to meet with a most hearty reception. An address, accompanied by a superb gold case, has been presented to him at the Guildhall followed by a sumptuous luncheon.

OBITUARY.

The Sultan of Johore is dead; the body will be embalmed and taken to Johore.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"MASTER MARINER." Many thanks for your interesting letter. It is "crowded" out of this issue, but will be published in our next issue.

THE witnesses who are to give evidence in the *Elster* murder case on Monday arrived here to-day from Manila by the *Emeralda*.

MR. G. W. WARD, Special correspondent of the *Pail Mail Gazette*, left here bound for London by the P. & O. liner *Shanghai* this afternoon.

THE Court of Directors of the British North Borneo Company are reported to have raised the price of tobacco land in their territory from six to ten dollars an acre.

Mr. G. S. Murray, Manager of the Mercantile Bank, has received Mr. Mohr at Singapore, the latter proceeding at once to Bombay as Manager to the Bank's branch in that port.

THE two deserters from the Army named Robinson and Cooley, appeared on remand before Mr. Wee-chow-to-day, and were formally handed over to the military authorities to be dealt with.

THE following, which speaks for itself, was issued as an "Express" this afternoon:—

TELEGRAMS TO F. AMOS.
The Chinese Administration at Fochow notify that they have been unable to communicate with F. Amos since last evening.

CHAM KWO, contractor for the Prava Reclamation Works, was charged before Mr. Wee-chow-to-day, at the instance of Sergeant Moffatt, for allowing his men to cut stone in a prohibited place near Kennedy-town. Mr. Tooker, of the Public Works Department asked for a severe penalty. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 and said the defendant must charge his *jebs* for disobedience of orders.

MR. A. C. MARSHALL, the manager of the local branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, who took charge from Mr. T. H. Whitehead when the latter went home on leave last year, has been charged to Mr. T. E. Sanson and left here bound for San Francisco by the *City of Rio de Janeiro* this afternoon. Mr. Marshall's conduct in his former position was highly commended and his departure was a great loss to the bank.

THE Hongkong Hotel Co.'s new "ad" on our front page, conspicuous as it is, is not more noticeable than is the change for the better in the food supplied to patrons of this well known establishment. For some time past there has been a good deal of growling about the "chow" at the "Hongkong" but under the new order of things the Directors seem likely to come in for a good deal of well merited praise for it is abundantly manifest that on their time, trouble and expense is deemed by them too great if thereby satisfaction is given to guests. And not only is there a change for the better in the spacious dining-hall, but throughout the whole of the vast establishment there is evidence of very praiseworthy improvement. The establishment, in fact, fit alike for prices and for the most exacting palate that ever haunted the *chef* of a Parisian cuisine.

It will probably startle a good many of the late Mr. Kiley's friends to learn that the Chinese smah who for upwards of five years looked after the old gentleman, and has even been known to pawn her own property to assist in keeping a roof over her unfortunate master's head, as tenderly and carefully as though he were her father, has since 10 o'clock this morning, been an inmate of Victoria Gaol, where she is under sentence of six weeks hard labour, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Magistrate at the Police Court this morning that she attempted to appropriate illegally her late master's silver watch and chain. The evidence of Bailiff Howell tended to show that shortly after the death of Mr. Kiley the smah in question took his watch and chain which she alleged the deceased told her to take for her own use. The unfortunate woman admitted to the Magistrate that she had taken the watch and chain because her master told her she could do so, and that, as far as that goes and when taken in connection with the position of trust which she held in the deceased's service, it appears a reasonable explanation. Unfortunately, however, the smah when first asked by the bailiff where the watch was denied all knowledge of it and did not produce it (from her own room) until pressed for an explanation. But whatever the woman's story, seeing that she had been a very faithful servant of the deceased, had stuck to him through thick and thin and had never been the cause of the slightest suspicion even on the part of the police in the whole course of her existence, does it not occur to our readers that this sentence of six weeks was hardly warranted and that this unfortunate creature is hardly deserving of six weeks she will be virtually manufactured into a criminal with the result that her last days will be all human probability, be far worse than the first. Were our laws designed to send to gaol for six weeks, without the option of a fine, alleged "offenders" of this kind?

A MARRIAGE has been arranged, and will take place at the end of July, between John Emmott Barlow, M.P., (a partner of Messrs. Barlow & Co., of Singapore), and Anna, sister of Lord Desman, and daughter of Mr. Henry Primrose, who is a cousin to Lord Rosebery.

A PRACTICAL illustration of the use that can be made of an electric bell, battery, and a few yards of copper wire is reported from Glasgow. A bank manager, who slept over the premises where the valuable were stored, had a contact place fitted to a likely-looking desk, so that when the lid was raised a bell rang, and was out of service of the person sleeping with the desk, and the communication wires were also connected. In this way, on the night of February 24th, a burglar who had got into the place unwittingly proclaimed his presence, and was caught and punished. Consequently the burglar who is so often so successful in getting away with the contents of a safe, and the communication wires, and one minute's work to make and adjust the connection each day, only would be necessary.

AT Mr. Brewin's auction sale of postage stamps this afternoon a Formosa 5-candareen stamp fetched \$24.

ON the 5th instant the Secretary of the Pungim Mining Company telegraphed to the manager of the Co's mines asking when the clean-up of the cyanide process would be finished and in response thereto a "wire" was received here to-day stating "the cyanide clean-up will be completed to-day."

THE Mergul Pearl Company, Limited, whose operations in Mergul and the neighbourhood have not been successful, is, according to a Straits paper, about to terminate its brief career by voluntarily winding up. The Mergul Pearl Company was a concern floated in Singapore with a capital of \$50,000, fully paid up, to fish for pearls and shells in Mergul waters.

A CHINAMAN was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at the Magistracy to-day for stealing from a money-changer in Queen's Road Central \$1,700 in notes. The prisoner, who bolted with the "stuff" was captured by a hawk, and although the whole of the money was recovered the grasping money-changer gave the hawk one dollar only as a reward for his honesty and promptitude. The hapless hawk will, of course, mind his own business in future.

INTERPELLATIONS.

TO ASK HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—
When is it his intention to take the twelve months leave of absence to which every Governor is entitled during his term of office, and on whom will the government devolve during his absence?

TO ASK THE COLONIAL SECRETARY:—
Since when it became frequent or improper for any member of the Legislative Council to address the Council and speak on the motion for the third reading of any Bill, either to express his assent or dissent, or to give his reasons for his intended vote, or to move, if he thinks fit, the recommendation of the Bill for the purpose of moving an amendment?

TO ASK THE HONOURABLE E. R. BELLIOS:—
Why he allowed himself to be silenced by people who know even less than he does himself as to the practice and procedure of the Council?

TO ASK HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—
Why he permits his officers to usurp his functions and call members to order when their duty is simply to rise and call his attention to supposed irregularities?

TO ASK THE LEARNED ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL:—

If it is any portion of his duty as law officer of the Crown to draft Bills to be laid before the Council and to advise the Government as to the propriety and fitness of the measures proposed to be passed into law, and if so, whether he advised the Government that the Carriage Licensing Ordinance was childish and unnecessary and protested against its being introduced and passed?

TO ASK THE PUBLIC:—

Whether an Attorney General with a large private practice, and so almost independent of the Government, or an Attorney General who is wholly a Government servant and dependent on the Government for pay, pension and promotion, is the more likely to give sound advice to the Government on any matter in contest between the Government and the Public?

TO ASK THE PUBLIC:—

If they intend to take out licenses for their barbers and dog carts and submit to any regulations the Government may think fit to make as to *the way* they may make of their private vehicles, or if they are going to protest against the Ordinance as wholly unnecessary and a gross infringement of the liberties of the subject, and if they are going to petition the Crown against it?

TO ASK THE PUBLIC:—

If it is true that they are afraid of the Governor?

TO ASK THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:—

If they elected their representatives to be almost wholly silent at the Council Board and to give their opinions and advice on matters of public interest in private conferences, where no reporter can gain access and where the grounds and reasons of their recommendations are necessarily hidden from the public view and withdrawn from public criticism?

TO ASK THE HONOURABLE MR. MOONACHIE:—
If any one ever accused or suspected him of having been guilty of any wilful conduct or mismanagement in connection with the Report of the Medical Committee, and if not, and no one in the Colony ever did so accuse or suspect him—why has he accused himself and expressed his regret for what may have needed explanation, but certainly needed an apology, and why did he allow the Colonial Secretary to address him as if he had been so accused or suspected?

TO ASK THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:—
If they mean to better themselves and utilize the present juncture to obtain the opening of the West River and, or, the full privileges secured to the European-owned goods by the Transit Pass clause in the treaties?

TO ASK THE SANITARY BOARD:—

Why, in making the "poor remains" of the "Long Parliament" was called after Cromwell had cleared out of it all the members opposed to his policy and, if it is permissible to designate what is left of the Sanitary Board by the same title under existing circumstances?

TO ASK THE "OLD VOLUMES":—

When they intend to establish their hearth and home now that the "Doctor" has turned them out of doors, and Mr. Starchy has deserted them?

TO ASK THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:—
Why the Kowloon residents are required to lay down roads and gates when the roads are laid in a bad condition and when there is no water supply?

THE GYMKHANA.

Patrons:—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Major General Black, C.B.; Commodore G. T. H. Boyer, R.N.
Committee:—Capt. Gould-Adams, R.A.; R. Alexander, Esq., R.B.; A. Babington, Esq., Esq.; Lord Chas. Conyngham, R.B.; W. A. Crickshank, Esq.; Capt. Gordon, R.A.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; Capt. Loveband, A.D.C.; A. S. Mannera, Esq.; G. C. C. Master, Esq.; Lt.-Col. The O'Gorman, D.A.A.G.; C. S. Taylor, Esq., R.A.

The first Gymkhana Meeting of the season was held at the Raccours, Happy Valley, this afternoon, and proved a great success. The weather was all that could be desired, being bright and clear with a cool breeze blowing. Owing to the recent rain the course was in splendid condition. The attendance, including His Excellency the Governor, Major General Black, C.B., and Commodore Boyer, R.N., was fairly large and, as is usual on such occasions, quite a number of ladies sat in an appearance. A capital programme of seven events had been arranged, and the races throughout were keenly contested and proved of an exciting nature. The general arrangements left little room for complaint, and the following officials worked hard to keep the pot boiling:—
Judges:—Hon. J. J. Bell Irving and Lieut. Col. O'Gorman.

Starter:—A. Babington, Esq.
Clerk of the Scales:—R. Alexander, Esq.
Timekeeper:—R. M. Gray, Esq.
Race Secretary:—Hart Buck, Esq.

During the afternoon the Band of the 1st Mts. Brigade was present, by permission of Major Noel and the Officers of the Regiment, and played the following programme in their usual faultless style:—
March:—"The Grenadier"
Selection:—"The Grenadier"
Garrison:—"The Grenadier"
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Value:—"The Grenadier"

THREE-LEGGED (Blindfold) Race; for Athletics; distance about 30 yards; first \$5.00; second \$4.00; third \$3.00; fourth \$2.00.

John Singh..... 1
Gander Singh..... 2
Mallah Singh..... 3
Jandah Singh..... 4

Eight started. This was a most amusing race for the competitors, who were Pathan warriors of our own Hongkong Regiment.

HALF MILE RACE; for all China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale with 10 lbs.; extra; subscription prizes allowed 10 lbs.; *bona fide* Polo ponies allowed 15 lbs.; winners: at any Race Meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra; at two or more such races 10 lbs. extra; entrance \$1.00; first prize a Cup value about \$40; second 70 per cent. of entrance fees; third 30 per cent.

Mr. Mannera's Magic, 11st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Crickshank 1
Hon. J. J. Bell Irving's g. Daylight, 12st 1lb. Owner: Mr. Master 2
Mr. Hart Buck's c. Voltigeur, 11st 11lb. Owner: Lord Chas. Conyngham's c. Dandy, 11st 10lb. Owner: Mr. Power 3
Major G. K. Moore's c. Sweetbriar, 11st 6lb. Owner: Mr. Paley 4
Capt. F. R. Loveband's g. The Friar, 10st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Hunt 5
Mr. E. R. Bellios's b. Bk & W. (late Tanquer) 10st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Gordon 6
Mr. Conyngham's g. Premier, 10st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Noble 7
Eight started. Magic and Dandy were favourites. After a false start the field got away to a splendid start. Magic took the lead, and was followed by Voltigeur and Daylight, with the rest a long way behind. These positions were maintained till entering the straight, when Daylight overhauled Voltigeur, and Magic increasing his lead the white won easily by two lengths; Voltigeur a length behind, third; Dandy fourth. Time, 61 sec.

SACK RACE; 100 yards; for Europeans; first \$7.00; second \$5.00; third \$3.00; fourth \$1.00. Sacks will be provided on the Course.

Pr. Gorham..... 1
Pr. Bryant..... 2
Pr. Brockwood..... 3
Pr. Shaw..... 4

Thirteen started. After a very exciting race, which caused any amount of amusement, Pr. Gorham was easily.

OVER MOUNT HARBOR; for all China ponies; first prize a Cup value about \$50; second 70 per cent. of entrance fees; third 30 per cent.

Mr. W. A. Crickshank's g. Havoc, 11st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Master 1
Lord Chas. Conyngham's g. Baccarat, 11st 4lb. Owner: Mr. Gordon 2
Hon. J. J. Bell Irving's g. Daylight, 11st 10lb. Owner: Mr. G. D. 3
Mr. W. A. Crickshank's b. Simple, 11st 10lb. Owner: Mr. Hunt 4
Mr. Hart Buck's g. Wiper, 11st 6lb. Owner: Mr. Noble 5
Six started. Baccarat a hot favourite. To a splendid start Baccarat jumped off on the rails, with Dandy and Pickaninny lying second and third. Passing the half-mile post Pickaninny led with Havoc second and Baccarat lying next. On entering the straight Mr. Crickshank sent his horse along and called home an easy winner by two lengths; Havoc a good second, and Baccarat, half a length behind, third. Time, 3 min. 12 sec.

FURDIE RACE; for all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race 10 lbs. extra; *bona fide* Polo ponies allowed 15 lbs.; entrance \$1; first prize a Cup value about \$40; second 70 per cent. of entrance fees; third 30 per cent. One mile.

Mr. Hart Buck's c. Voltigeur, 11st 11lb. Owner: Mr. Master 1
Mr. Mannera's g. Magic, 11st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Crickshank 2
Mr. Master's c. Engineer, 10st 5lb. Owner: Capt. F. R. Loveband's g. The Friar, 10st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Hunt 3
Five started. Magic and Voltigeur were favourites. We are glad to see that "timber-topping" is getting a popular institution in Hongkong, as was shown by five starting. It was a grand race; the hurdles were cleared by all the horses, not one falling. Magic had a tremendous lead until the last half of hurdles, when he was overhauled by Voltigeur, who romped home an easy winner with three lengths to spare; Engineer a bad third, and The Friar a fourth.

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Mr. E. R. Bellios's b. Bk & W. (late Tanquer) 10st 5lb. Owner: Mr. Gordon 1
Mr. W. A. Crickshank's c. Warlock, 11st 11lb. Owner: Mr. Master 2
Mr. J. J. Bell Irving's g. Daylight, 12st 1lb. Owner: Mr. Power 3
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RETRENCHMENT IN CEYLON.

SECRETARY SWETENHAM'S "ORDER FOR WORK."

A Commission which had been appointed by the Ceylon Government to inquire into retrenchment in the Public Expenditure there issued its report last month. The report recommends savings in various departments to the amount of 746,000 rupees. The Commission further recommends that:—

"All persons who join the Public Service in Ceylon after due consideration of this report, say from and after 1st July, 1895, should not be paid any allowance for the depreciation of the rupee if superior officers, or the 10 per cent. increase in the Clerical and Subordinate branches of the Public Service. The Commission, while fully acknowledging the hardship inflicted on the older officers by the fall in the value of the silver rupee, which has taken place since they first joined the Public Service, yet sees no sufficient reason to contemplate any serious further fall in the future. The Commission admits that at the present value of silver rupees officers in the Public Service will receive less remuneration than their predecessors in office, but the Commission observes that *pari passu* with the decrease in value of silver the number of duly qualified candidates for employment has augmented, and that for the ordinary demands of the Public Service (excluding specialities) the qualifications of candidates who joined not long before the recent grant of compensation were rather above than below the average hitherto obtained. The same observation applies to the Clerical and Subordinate Service. The Commission is convinced that if this recommendation be carried out there will be no difficulty in recruiting suitable officers for the Public Service. As regards specialists, no rule need be laid down beforehand, because the Government has always to pay whatever may be the current market price for the services of a specialist whenever one is engaged.

The anomaly of paying different rates to senior and junior officers for similar work has been suffered in previous instances, and has caused far less practical difficulty than the payment of the compensation recently granted entails now."

The Times of Ceylon, in commenting upon the Report, notes that:—

"Appendix A contains the proceedings of the different meetings of the Commission, and reports of the evidence of the witnesses taken down by Mr. J. A. Swettenham (now Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements) who believe whose labours in drawing up the Report as well as in acting as reporter at the meetings must have been stupendous, and sufficient to satisfy even his greed for work. Why a sworn reporter could not have been procured, to do the clerical work which the Auditor General took upon himself, we cannot understand, except that it is in accordance with the extraordinary craze for secrecy which distinguishes our Government. Surely a reporter such as we have indicated would have been capable of keeping his counsel as any member of the Committee."

THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE VEHICLES.

The response to numerous requests that we should publish the text of the obnoxious law relating to a tax on private vehicles to which his Excellency the Governor recently gave his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen and on which we commented in our issue of the 31st instant, we give below the full text of this obnoxious measure as it appeared in the Government Gazette last Saturday:—

NO. 13 OF 1895.
An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for regulating the Licensing of Private Vehicles.
(L.S.) WILLIAM ROBINSON, Governor.

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as The Private Vehicle Licensing Ordinance, 1895.

2. In the construction of this Ordinance "Private Vehicle" includes all carriages, carts, waggon, trucks and all other vehicles which do not require to be licensed under Ordinance 21 of 1889 except private fire-engines, private chairs, bicycles, tricycles, perambulators, trucks and cars in use on tramways, or such other vehicles as the Governor-in-Council may from time to time exempt.

"Licence" shall mean a "licence" required by this Ordinance.

3. The owner of every private vehicle shall take out a licence for the same.

4. The Governor-in-Council may from time to time make and when made may alter, add to or repeal regulations under this Ordinance:—

(a) For the issue of licences, the forms thereof, the fees to be paid on such licences, their periods, conditions and the officer who is to issue them.

(b) For the regulation of all private vehicles, whether licensed or not, the means to be adopted for identifying such vehicles and their owners, and the traffic carried on by means of such vehicles.

5. The granting of all such licences shall be in the discretion of the officer appointed to issue the same. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of a licence may appeal to the Governor who may direct the proper officer to issue such licence.

6. The following acts shall be deemed to be offences under this Ordinance:—

(1) Using any private vehicle for which a licence is required without having a valid licence for the same.

(2) Any breach of the conditions of a licence.

(3) Falsifying or attempting to falsify any licence.

(4) Using or attempting to use any licence or other document granted under this Ordinance or in pursuance of any regulations made thereunder for any private vehicle in respect of which such licence was not granted.

(5) Using or attempting to use any document as a licence under this Ordinance which has not been duly issued thereunder.

7. Every person convicted of an offence against this Ordinance or against any regulation made thereunder shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

8. Any penalty imposed awarded under this Ordinance may be recovered in a summary way before a Magistrate.

9. Any licence may be forfeited on the conviction of the holder thereof for any offence, if the officer who issued the licence shall think fit.

10. This Ordinance shall come into force on the 31st day of May, 1895.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
Acting Clerk of Councils.
Assented to by His Excellency the Governor,
the 30th day of May, 1895.
J. H. STUART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

America (Galle) 12th inst.
French (Saghalien) 12th inst.
Australian (Changsha) 13th inst.
Indian (Kutiang) 13th inst.
Canadian (Empress of India) 10th inst.
American (City of Peking) 21st inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day
ARRIVALS.

Hongkong steamer from Hongkong.
Amoy steamer from Amoy.
Singapore steamer from Singapore.
Tientsin steamer from Tientsin.
Canton steamer from Canton.
Shanghai steamer from Shanghai.
Peking steamer from Peking.

DEPARTURES.

Amoy steamer for Amoy.
Singapore steamer for Singapore.
Tientsin steamer for Tientsin.
Canton steamer for Canton.
Shanghai steamer for Shanghai.
Peking steamer for Peking.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Roma Cristina (cruiser) in Kowloon Dock.
H.M.S. Lian (cruiser) in Kowloon Dock.
P. G. C. Kiao (cruiser) in Kowloon Dock.

The completion of the Manchester ship canal, says the N. Y. Maritime Register, likely to spur Bristol to a similar engineering enterprise, competent authorities having already been instructed with the planning of the best means of providing dock accommodations on the Avon for the largest vessel, with an estimate of the probable costs. The river Avon, from Bristol to Avonmouth, resembles a deep trench seven miles long, and at no part more than 300 feet wide, so that when the tide is in, the trench is more or less filled with muddy water of a depth varying according to the height of the flood, and when the tide is out, the steep black sides are exposed to a considerable depth, and down in the central hollow a narrow stream hastens away rapidly to the mouth; the channel is available for navigation by large ships only at high tide, and the idea is to transform the entire estuary of the river into a high dock seven miles in length, with dock gates and a lock entrance run out in the form of an immense dam 500 feet long, stretching right across the mouth of the river, through the tidal waterway. The engineer reports that the necessary work will include a dam across the mouth of the river, pierced by a lock entrance at the north end for the passage of ships, and by sluices at the south end for the excess of the overflow of the river water, outside jetties to facilitate the steering of vessels into the lock and outside breakwaters to protect the entrance channel, inside quays with a sufficient depth of water to permit the biggest liner to lie alongside of them, a graving dock adapted to the largest craft, and a pier for passengers.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Hongkong, June 8th (noon).
Mr. Erich Georg reports as follows:—Business during the week has been rather quiet, but rates have ruled steady and in some instances show an improvement.

BANK SHARES.—Business in Hongkong and Shanghai has been put through at 150 per cent. premium, for cash, and at 100 per cent. premium for shares. Anglo-Chinese Bank shares are offered at 120, but most shares are on offer.

MARINE INSURANCES.—A few Unions have been placed locally and from the north at \$165; \$163, but local shares are offering now at \$163. A small lot of China Traders' shares is offered at \$65, and more shares are obtainable. A few Centon have been placed from Shanghai at \$165. Straits are steady at \$18, and Yenching are in demand at \$21, but North China are neglected.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongers have been done at \$105 and \$106, at which rate the market closes quiet with a few shares offering.

SHIPPING.—A fair number of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been negotiated at \$31, but at the close shares are available at \$30. Indo-China shares are offered at \$163, but local shares are offering now at \$163. A small lot of China Traders' shares is offered at \$65, and more shares are obtainable. A few Centon have been placed from Shanghai at \$165. Straits are steady at \$18, and Yenching are in demand at \$21, but North China are neglected.

MINING.—Panji has been ruled quiet, with a few small transactions at \$61, \$62, and \$63. The crashers of May gave 355 ounces of gold, from 100 tons of ore, and 45 ounces of gold from 100 tons of ore. New Bala has been done at \$163, but local shares are offering now at \$163. A small lot of China Traders' shares is offered at \$65, and more shares are obtainable. A few Centon have been placed from Shanghai at \$165. Straits are steady at \$18, and Yenching are in demand at \$21, but North China are neglected.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock shares were a little unsettled in the early part of the week, but close strong with buyers at 100 per cent. premium; the Company has done splendidly and higher rates are consequently looked for. Hongkong and Whampoa Dock shares are offered at \$163, but local shares are offering now at \$163. A small lot of China Traders' shares is offered at \$65, and more shares are obtainable. A few Centon have been placed from Shanghai at \$165. Straits are steady at \$18, and Yenching are in demand at \$21, but North China are neglected.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have been done and are wanted at \$31, and A. S. Watson & Co. at same rate. Hongkong Electric has changed hands at \$40 to \$51. This Company has just issued the report for last year; meeting to take place on 22nd instant. The working account shows a credit balance of \$8,835, which, transferred to Profit and Loss Account, leaves it with a balance to Credit of \$16,105.32, of this sum the directors propose to write off Plant Account \$10,000 to provide for depreciation and carry forward the balance of \$6,105.32 to a new account. Hongkong Ropes have been done at \$121 and \$122 and close strong. Hongkong Ice changed hands at \$77 and \$78, but Tramways are steady with sales at \$70. Hongkong Brick and Cement have been sold at \$5, and a slightly higher rate might be obtainable. Waterworks and Dairy Farms are offered at \$8 and \$10. Anglo-Siam have been done at \$10. Dakin, Crickhead & Co. advertise their 4th ordinary general meeting for the 14th inst.

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NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Energy is said to be a part of good morals. Whoever lives pleasantly lives wisely. The realist never dots his I—it's capital. The fact of truth is slow, but they never slip. If you are sure you are left, get up and go ahead.

With some people a roll of honour is made up of blank bills. Very few men have been carried to the top of the ladder by others. Much charity that begins at home is too feeble to get out of doors.

As soon as a man gets well on in the world everybody says he is well off. Any one who is not conspicuously good can afford to keep away from church. Men are made rich, not by what the world can give but by what it can't take away.

When a man is caught in crime it is immediately discovered that he has been leading a dual life. Henri Rochfort who has taken part in a good many affairs of honour, has finally come to the conclusion that dwelling "in ignominious slandering."

A Sioux City (Iowa) gambler, Jack Kerry, who ran away from his home in Ireland fourteen years ago, has inherited \$300,000 by the death of his father.

Euphrates Escalapius Eudymon McInnesay is the name of a clerk in the Recorder's Office of Maryland, Mo. He signs his name with a rubber stamp!

Two electricians at Graz, Austria, claim to have invented an arrangement by which a newspaper can be printed by telegraph in any number of places at the same time.

The Duc de Morny, probably the foremost amateur photographer of the day in France, is reported to have paid something like \$60,000 for his camera equipment.

A maiden lady in Newburg keeps a parrot which swears and a monkey which chews tobacco. She says between the two she doesn't miss a husband very much.

The owner of a sheep is justified in killing a dog to stop him from killing him, but he cannot kill the dog afterward, for then the law gives him other redress. So decided a Maine Judge.

Thomas A. Edison is very fond of children. He delights to show them through his work-shops and to mystify them with his magic. To them he is the real wizard he is so often called.

Joel Kaloz, the first of Gurnsey's tragedians, whose Hamlet won for him golden criticisms when on a tour in American three years ago, has been decorated with the order of "Albrecht des Baren."

Rev. Francis M. Deems and Rev. Edward M. Deems, sons of the late Rev. Charles F. Deems of the Church of the Strangers, New York, are engaged in preparing a biography of their celebrated father.

The aerial space within the limit of our vision is calculated to have a diameter of 420,000,000 miles and a circumference of 1,319,740,000 miles. And this is only a fraction of the immensity of space.

It has been computed that the death-rate of the globe is 68 per minute, 97,790 per day, or 35,717,790 per year. The birth-rate is 70 per minute, 100,800 per day, or 36,817,200 per year, reckoning the year to be 365 1/4 days in length.

There were 17,864,716 bunches of bananas consumed in the United States last year. Jamaica, Cuba, Honduras and Colombia supply most of the fruit. It is within the easy memory of people of middle age when a banana was a great rarity.

A good and cheap manure for lawns and tennis courts is composed of equal parts of root and wood ashes, and if this is applied in showery weather a marked improvement in the colour and appearance of the turf will quickly show itself.

Close observers recognize the fact that silver coinage is a question that will not down. It is bound to play an important part in the coming Presidential campaign in the States and all subsequent campaigns until bimetallicism is firmly established.

The greatest of American hand-organ makers passed away in the person of Henry S. Taylor, who recently committed suicide in New York. It is said that nearly all of the organs and street pianos wheeled or lugged about in the United States for the past forty years came from Taylor's factory.

S. R. CROCKETT, whom the "Slighted Minister" made famous, has now an assured income of \$25,000 a year, and is said to have contracted to do enough literary work to keep his pen busy for the rest of the century. Only recently he occupied a pulpit in a Scotch village church on a salary of \$1,200.

A system of electric lighting is being put in at Juneau, one of the best-known of Alaskan settlements—a place of 2,000 inhabitants. When completed it will be the first central electric-light plant in the Territory. Electricity, however, has been used for some time in a limited way in the Alaskan mines.

There is a Bill now before the British Parliament to provide for the better reporting of floating derelicts. Under this Bill every British shipmaster who sights a derelict must give notification of the same to the proper authorities upon his arrival in port, or on failure to do so will be subjected to a fine.

British cricket, which died at the ripe age of 32. He was a member of the Oxford eleven, and was practically the originator of the matches between the two universities. Though an ordained minister, he was a better authority on cricket than on the Bible.

Count Tolstoy's latest work, which has just appeared in the Severyn Vestnik, is called "Master and Man." It is a story of Russian village life, telling of the struggle in the mind of the master, lost in the snow with his man, against the temptation to abandon his helpless companion, for whom he at last gives his life.

Colonel Francis V. Greene of the Seventy-first Regiment of New York told the faculty and students of Union College the other day that roads and civilization went hand in hand, and were mutually dependent on each other; the United States had intolerable foot-roads, but had reached its high civilization because of its supremacy in railroads.

Professor William B. Yocco, of Roanoke College, Salem, Va., dropped dead the other day while waiting for evening service to begin in church. He had been for forty years professor of ancient languages in the institution. Two other professors of Roanoke also died suddenly at night—Professor John C. Frey in 1873 and President Butler in 1876.

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A PUGILISTIC MINISTER OF STATE.

"BILLY" WATERS ON THE JOB.

On the first day of June Anno Domini 1895 the Editor of the China Gazette took up his goose-quill and drawing heavily on his elastic imagination wrote thusly:—

"One of the funniest developments of the Formosan business is the prominent part played by our old pugilistic friend Mr. 'Billy' Waters, therein. Waters, after many buffets with an unkind world, has struck a streak of luck in Formosa. He was formerly torpedo instructor in the British Navy, and now the good-natured slogger is virtually Minister of War to the Formosan Republic. He is the right-hand man of President Tang. Waters arrived at Shanghai last week from Nanking whither he had gone in the Chinese Government transport *Arcturion* into China, now flying the German flag. He went up to Nanking to conduct confidential business with Viceroy Chang. Chih-tsun, on behalf of President Tang. There he took charge of materials of war, besides a large amount of money to carry on the Republic and continue resistance to the Japanese. 'Billy' was very mysterious and quite diplomatic. In his manner, and wore his bonnet and heavy responsibility very gravely. Since his arrival in Shanghai Minister Waters has been in constant communication with the local Chinese officials and the local and was attended by two high officials of the Viceroy of Nanking. He seemed to have full authority with reference to the dispatching of steamers, ordering of material, etc. Publication of the intention of the *Arcturion* to proceed to Formosa appears to have frustrated her mission, for the steamer afterwards discharged her cargo into the Arsenal, and has now only the money and two officials on board. The two mandarins 'friends of Minister Waters' travelled in the innocent disguise of ordinary traders. Contrary to his usual genial disposition, the new Minister fought shy of newspaper men and would not say a word to illumine the mysterious gloom that surrounded his mission. He appeared to have the full confidence of the rebel President Tang, and we venture to say his advice is as valuable and the confidence in him as well-placed as that of many more assuming and showy of China's foreign advisers."

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